

REMARKS

Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the courtesies extended by the Examiner during the interview on February 25, 2004 as proposed during the interview. Applicant has cancelled claim 5, amended claim 4 to be dependent on new claim 6 and added new claim 6.

It is respectfully submitted that since the parallelepiped has been eliminated from the claim there is no requirement for the drawings to show that feature. Further, a proposed change in the drawing to Figures 1 and 2 is submitted herewith and marked in red for approval by the Examiner. The change to the drawing includes the addition of the numbers 2D and 2E for different portions of the device. The insertion of 2E does not constitute new matter since that feature was clearly shown in original Figures 1 and 2.

Applicant has also revised the specification to refer to the additional numbers in the drawings. Since the insertion is a brief description as clearly shown in the drawings it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been entered.

Claims 4 and 5 were previously rejected over the prior art as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Cherian et al.

It is respectfully submitted that new claim 6 is clearly and patentably distinguished over Applicant's AAPA in view of Cherian et al. Claim 6 is distinguished over the admitted prior art by calling for a branch portion 2D outwardly extending from the end of the intermediate portion in a same plane as the plane of the intermediate portion so as to form an L-shape together with the intermediate portion. By contrast, Cherian et al. discloses a completely different structure which includes a flat S-shaped portion member 18. Neither of the prior art AAPA disclose this feature. Further, none of the prior art disclose or suggest an overlap portion being formed by turning an end portion of the branch portion into a U-shape for connection to a terminal of an outer circuit. This feature is totally missing from the prior art relied upon by the Examiner.

Further, in the device of the present invention the L-shaped base and portion (2A) increases the elasticity of the spring plate (2). In addition, since the intermediate

portion (2C) is located at a higher position, it is not necessary to provide a recess in the periphery of the upright wall of the case (1) unlike the prior art of Figures 3 and 4.

In summary, it is Applicant's contention that the cited art is missing two key elements in new claim 6 and dependent claim 4.

In revising the proposed claim 6 Applicants have revised the language comprising a lower horizontal portion and an upwardly inclined portion and secured to a terminal 10 of the sound generator 1. The specification has also been revised to clarify the language.

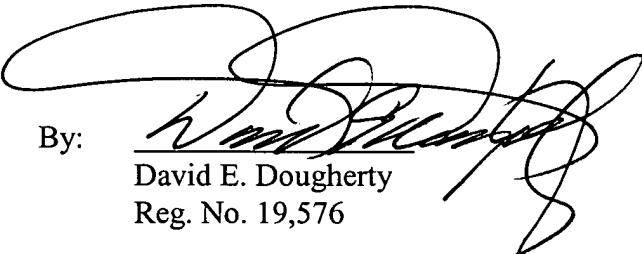
Since claims 4 and 6 are now clearly and patentably distinguished over the cited art, prompt favorable action is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above the claims are now in proper form for allowance. Prompt favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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